

Update on the Housing Delivery Test Measurement 2022: 14 March 2024

On 19th December 2023 Government published the [Housing Delivery Test \(HDT\) 2022 measurement](#) for the period 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22. However, the reported figure for new homes delivered in Merton in 2021/22 was incorrect by over 400 homes. This error resulted in a measurement of 71%, the consequence of which placed Merton in presumption in favour of sustainable development in accordance with the NPPF.

On 21st December 2023 the London Borough of Merton requested Government correct the data and received a response from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) 5 March 2024, which is shown below. The updated measurement for Merton's Housing Delivery Test 2022 is 91%. According to the NPPF this means Merton should produce a Housing Delivery Action Plan, which was published on the council's [website](#) in January 2024.



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Letter from DLUHC following correction of housing delivery figure for purposes of HDT

After submitting a correction to your net additional dwellings data for the 2021-22 year, you have requested that we use this corrected data to re-calculate your Housing Delivery Test measurement for 2022.

Consequently, based upon the revised information submitted, Merton's Housing Delivery Test measurement has now been re-calculated based on the updated data. We are therefore able to confirm that Merton's revised 2022 measurement is as follows:

| Number of homes required | | | Total number of homes required | Number of homes delivered | | | Total number of homes delivered | Housing Delivery Test: 2022 measurement | Housing Delivery Test: 2022 consequence |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | | | |
| 526 | 611 | 918 | 2055 | 346 | 604 | 920 | 1870 | 91% | Action Plan |

To provide clarity, you should publish this revised position on your website.

For the avoidance of doubt, this letter supersedes the measurement for your local authority area which was published on 19 December 2023.

The revised Housing Delivery Test measurement for Merton will take effect upon receipt of this letter, as will any consequences that apply as a result of the measurement.

The consequence shown above will remain in place until the next full publication of the Housing Delivery Test measurement.

Planning Policy Team